

PRESS RELEASE

Leading Employers to Share Best Practices

In the midst of an economic down turn and rising unemployment, there is good news for employers who are thinking ahead about how to prepare for the labour shortages that are predicted within the next several years. The Conference Board of Canada estimates that by 2013, immigration will account for 100% of the labour growth.

On March 25, 2009, the Peel, Halton, Dufferin Training Board, in partnership with COSTI, ACCES Employment Services, Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning and Humber College, is hosting the "Getting Back to Prosperity: Overcoming the Labour Shortages of Tomorrow" event. It will take place at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga, from 8:00 am – 10:30am.

The event is designed for employers who need information about hiring Internationally Trained Individual's (ITI). A range of issues often prevent Peel & Halton employers from tapping into the ITI pool. This includes understanding foreign accreditation and fluency in the English language.

The event, to be moderated by Monika Platek, host and announcer of Toronto Maple Leafs & Leafs TV, will aim to demystify the ITI puzzle for employers. The keynote address by Marie Gravel, Director of Research and Analysis, Service Canada Ontario Region, will present current statistics about the aging workforce and retirement patterns of Canadians. Large numbers of Canadians will begin exiting the workforce beginning 2011.

An employer panel comprised of leading employers will share their best practices about the hiring and integration of ITI's. The panel consists of representatives from Deloitte Management Services, Nytric Limited, Proctor & Gamble Inc., RBC and Xerox Canada.

This is a great opportunity for employers to learn from the successful practices of leading employers as we brace for the future when large numbers of baby boomers will exit the workforce resulting in shortages.

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